

**CALIFORNIA REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARD
CENTRAL COAST REGION
895 Aerovista Place, Suite 101, San Luis Obispo, CA 93401**

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
NOTICE OF FILING A DRAFT ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENT**

**TO CONSIDER RE-ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION NO. R3-2002-0051 TO INCLUDE A
TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD FOR SEDIMENT IN MORRO BAY, INCLUDING
CHORRO AND LOS OSOS CREEKS, IN
THE WATER QUALITY CONTROL PLAN FOR THE CENTRAL COAST BASIN**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the California Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board), Central Coast Region Three, will hold a public meeting to propose re-adoption of a resolution amending the Water Quality Control Plan (Basin Plan) for Region Three with consideration of alternatives. The Basin Plan establishes measures to protect beneficial uses of water and achieve water quality objectives. At the conclusion of the meeting, the Regional Board will consider approval of the proposed amendment. If accepted, this amendment will incorporate the Morro Bay Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for sediment, including Chorro and Los Osos Creeks, thereby revising the Basin Plan. The purpose of the TMDL is to protect the estuary and creeks from excessive amounts of sediment in the water coming from controllable sources.

Actions to amend the Basin Plan for Region Three will be taken in accordance with a regulatory program exempt under Section 21080.5 of the Public Resources Code from the requirement to prepare an environmental impact report under the California Environmental Quality Act (Public Resources Code, Section 21000 et seq.) and with other applicable laws and regulations.

The Regional Board adopted Resolution No. R3-2002-0051 amending the Basin Plan to include a TMDL for sediment in Morro Bay, including Chorro and Los Osos Creeks in February 2003. The current action is to re-adopt a revised version of Resolution No. R3-2002-0051. The revised version relies on the same regulatory provisions as the Resolution approved by the Board in February 2003. However, an explicit discussion of project alternatives was not included in the original staff report. The staff report for the proposed Resolution includes this explicit discussion of alternatives.

Copies of Resolution R3-2002-0051 and a staff report (a functionally equivalent document which includes an environmental checklist, alternatives analysis, and draft amendment for adoption) explaining the revisions in this proposed re-adoption of the Resolution are available on the Internet at <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb3/tmdl/Participation.htm>. You will see "Morro Bay Total Maximum Daily Load for Sediment, including Chorro and Los Osos Creeks." These documents are also available by request at the office of the Regional Board. You may also request a mailed copy of these documents by contacting Carrie Fauset at (805)-549-3506.

**Resolution No. R3-2002-0051
Notice of Public Meeting/ Notice of Filing
Attachment D**

May 16, 2003

The public meeting is scheduled as follows:

Date: **May 16, 2003**
Time: **8:30 a.m.**
Place: **Watsonville City Council Chambers**
250 Main Street
Watsonville, CA 95076

Time limits may be imposed on oral presentations at the meeting. Additional or alternative rules or regulations consistent with the general purpose of the amendment and complementary to the specific proposed rules may be developed at the meeting as a logical outgrowth of this meeting.

At the conclusion of the public meeting, the Regional Board will consider certification of the environmental document and approval of the proposed amendments.

The public comment period is **April 1, 2003 to May 16, 2003**. We would appreciate any comments, preferably in writing, or other evidence sent in advance to Dominic Roques at the address listed above.

Your timely submittal will allow staff to analyze your comments and the Regional Board to consider your comments before taking final action at the meeting to be held on May 16, 2003.

Copies of the existing Basin Plan are located at libraries in major cities throughout the region, at the office of the Regional Board, and on the Internet at www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb3/.

The meeting and public parking location are indicated on the attached map. The location of the meeting is accessible to person with disabilities. Individuals who require special accommodations are requested to contact Carrie Fauset at 805-549-3506 at least 10 working days prior to May 16, 2003. TTY users may contact the California Relay Service at 1-800-735-2929 or voice line at 1-800-735-2922.

For additional information on this Basin Plan amendment, please call **Dominic Roques at (805)-542-4780**.

Roger Briggs
Executive Officer

Date: _____